

SOCIAL STUDIES

Indiana State Approved Course Titles and Descriptions

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ADVANCED SOCIAL SCIENCES, COLLEGE CREDIT

(ADV SS CC)

1574

Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit is a title covering (1) any advanced social sciences course offered for credit by an accredited postsecondary institution through an adjunct agreement with a secondary school or (2) any other postsecondary social sciences course offered for dual credit under the provisions of 511 IAC 6-10.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States History or History and World Civilizations
- Credits: 1 credit per semester. May be offered for successive semesters
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- This course may be used for multiple dual credit college courses in social sciences

AFRICAN STUDIES

(AFR STUDIES)

1500

African Studies helps students understand and appreciate the diverse peoples, cultures, and economic systems of the African continent. This course examines: (1) the early kingdoms and cities of Africa, (2) early trade routes with Europe and the East, (3) the influence of African culture in the Americas, (4) European colonization of Africa, (5) African influences in the United States, (6) the establishment of independent nations in Africa, and (7) contemporary traditions, literature, art and other aspects of culture.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended /Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

ANTHROPOLOGY

(ANTHRO)

1502

Anthropology gives students perspectives concerning patterns of culture among people. The course introduces the anthropologist's processes of observing and analyzing human behavior. Topics studied include (1) theories and principles of cultural formation, growth, function, and change; (2) the relationship of culture to environment; and (3) the relationship between cultural background and behavior.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 Credit

- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

APPLIED ECONOMICS (APP ECON)

1504

Applied Economics investigates the specific economic effect of market forces and government policies on individuals and major institutional groups, such as business and labor, in the economy. Special attention is given to economic concepts and principles used by consumers, producers, and voters. Learning experiences, such as projects, field trips, and computer applications, are strongly encouraged as ways to demonstrate practical applications of economic concepts.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, one credit
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

ASIAN STUDIES (ASN STUDIES)

1506

Asian Studies provides insight into the diverse peoples and cultures of Asia. It offers opportunities to study aspects of culture in one or more Asian countries. Attention is given to religions, traditions, art, literature, and the development of social, economic, and political institutions. Examination of contemporary Asian societies and the interaction of Asia with the United States are components of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

CITIZENSHIP AND CIVICS (CIVICS)

1508

Citizenship and Civics is an overview of citizenship roles and responsibilities designed to help students become independent thinkers and conscientious citizens. This course deals with political trends and behavior which citizens consider to be relevant to the most pressing issues of the day. The course provides students experiences that will develop attitudes of citizenship within a democratic society. Topics include: (1) the policymaking process, (2) public participation in policymaking, (3) citizenship rights and responsibilities in a changing society, and (4) the relationship between modern society and government. Study of the local government should be a component of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

CURRENT PROBLEMS, ISSUES, AND EVENTS

1512

(CPIE)

Current Problems, Issues, and Events gives students the opportunity to apply investigative and inquiry techniques to the study of significant problems or issues. Students develop competence in (1) recognizing cause and effect relationships, (2) recognizing fallacies in reasoning and propaganda devices, (3) synthesizing knowledge into useful patterns, (4) stating and testing hypotheses, and (5) generalizing based on evidence. Problems or issues selected will have contemporary historical significance and will be studies from the viewpoint of the social science disciplines. Community service programs and internships within the community may be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended /Required Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit. Course may be repeated for credit if the content of the course changes.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

ECONOMICS

1514

(ECON)

Economics examines the allocation of resources and their uses for satisfying human needs and wants. The course analyzes economic reasoning used by consumers, producers, savers, investors, workers, voters, and government in making decisions. Key elements of the course include study of scarcity and economic reasoning, supply and demand, market structures, role of government, national income determination, the role of financial institutions, economic stabilization, and trade. Students will explain that because resources are limited, people must make choices and understand the role that supply, demand, prices, and profits play in a market economy. The functions of government in a market economy and market structures will be examined. Students will understand economic performance, money, stabilization policies, and trade of the United States. The behavior of people, societies and institutions and economic thinking is integral to this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

ECONOMICS HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1580

(ECON H IB)

Economics Higher Level, International Baccalaureate promotes disciplined economic reasoning skills and enables students to apply the tools of economic analysis to situations and data, explaining findings in a clear manner. Students will gain an understanding of how societies and individuals organize themselves in the pursuit of economic objectives while also evaluating economic theories, concepts, situations, and data. An international perspective fosters tolerance and understanding of the diversity of economic realities in which society functions.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester

- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

ECONOMICS STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
(ECON S IB)

1582

Economics Standard Level, International Baccalaureate promotes economic reasoning skills and enables students to analyze and explain data, situations, and findings in a clear manner. Understanding how individuals and societies organize themselves in pursuit of economic objectives is essential, as well as gaining an understanding of international perspectives promoting the understanding of the diversity of economic realities of individuals and societies. Students will evaluate economic theories, situations, concepts, and data.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

ETHNIC STUDIES
(ETH STUDIES)

1516

Ethnic Studies provides opportunities to broaden students' perspectives concerning lifestyles and cultural patterns of ethnic groups in the United States. This course will either focus on a particular ethnic group or groups, or use a comparative approach to the study of patterns of cultural development, immigration, and assimilation, as well as the contributions of specific ethnic or cultural groups. The course may also include analysis of the political impact of ethnic diversity in the United States.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

EUROPEAN HISTORY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(EUR HST AP)

1556

European History, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. Topics include: (1) intellectual and cultural history, (2) political and diplomatic history, and (3) social and economic history. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of AP European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: World History
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester

- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD (GEO-HST WLD)

1570

Geography and History of the World is designed to enable students to use geographical skills and historical concepts to deepen their understanding of major global themes including the origin and spread of world religions; exploration; conquest, and imperialism; urbanization; and innovations and revolutions.

Geographical and historical skills include forming research questions, acquiring information by investigating a variety of primary and secondary sources, organizing information by creating graphic representations, analyzing information to determine and explain patterns and trends, and presenting and documenting findings orally and/or in writing. The historical geography concepts used to explore the global themes include change over time, origin, diffusion, physical systems, cultural landscapes, and spatial distribution and interaction.

Using these skills, concepts and the processes associated with them, students are able to analyze, evaluate, and make predictions about major global developments. This course is designed to nurture perceptive, responsible citizenship, encourage and support the development of critical thinking skills and lifelong learning, and to help prepare Indiana students for the 21st Century.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

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GEOGRAPHY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (GEO H IB)

1584

Geography Higher Level, International Baccalaureate is the compulsory study of geography at a higher level including the core themes of population and resources and development. Other optional themes for further study include topographic mapping, globalization, management of specific environments, and contemporary issues.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma.

GEOGRAPHY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (GEO S IB)

1586

Geography Standard Level, International Baccalaureate is a basic study of the core themes of population and resources and development. Optional themes for further study include topographic mapping, globalization and contemporary issues, and the management of specific environments.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS: COMPARATIVE, ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(GOVT AP)

1552

Government and Politics: Comparative Advanced Placement is a course that provides students with the content established by the College Board. Topics include: (1) the sources of public authority and political power, (2) the relationship between state and society, (3) the relationship between citizens and states, (4) political institutions and framework, (5) political change, and (the comparative method). A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government
- Credits: 1 or 2 semester course. 1 credit per semester. This course and corresponding exam are intended to be comparable to the corresponding one-semester college level course.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- No longer fulfills the US Government requirement for any diploma

HISTORY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
(HIS H IB)

1590

History Higher Level, International Baccalaureate promotes the understanding of the nature and diversity of history and its methods and interpretations. Students develop an international awareness and understanding and the ability to use and communicate historical knowledge. The course includes one prescribed subject from a choice of three and two 20th century world history topics from a choice of six. Regional options include Africa, the Americas, East and South East Asia and Oceania, Europe, and South Asia and the Middle East.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement only with regional concentration on the Americas for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

HISTORY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
(HIS S IB)

1592

History Standard Level, International Baccalaureate promotes the understanding of the nature and diversity of history and its methods and interpretations. Students develop an international awareness and understanding and the ability to use and communicate historical knowledge. The course includes one prescribed subject from a choice of three and two 20th century world history topics from a choice of six.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an Elective for any diploma.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(HUM GEO AP)

1572

Human Geography, Advanced Placement is a course based on the content established by the College Board. The purpose of the AP Human Geography course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. Topics include: (1) Geography: its nature and perspectives, (2) population, (3) cultural patterns and processes, (4) political organization of space, (5) agriculture and rural land use, (6) industrialization and economic development, and (7) cities and urban land use. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended /Required Prerequisites: none
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- A Career Academic Sequence or Flex Credit course

INDIANA STUDIES (IN STUDIES)

1518

Indiana Studies is an integrated course that compares and contrasts state and national developments in the areas of politics, economics, history, and culture. The course uses Indiana history as a basis for understanding current policies, practices, and state legislative procedures. It also includes the study of state and national constitutions from a historical perspective and as a current foundation of government. Examination of individual leaders and their roles in a democratic society will be included and student will examine the participation of citizens in the political process. Selections from Indiana arts and literature may also be analyzed for insights into historical events and cultural expressions.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (INTL RELAT)

1520

International Relations provides a survey of the formal relations among sovereign states in the international system, emphasizing the operation of diplomacy. The procedures for settlement of disputes and various methods of international conflict resolution are included. This course examines power, interdependence, global development, and international organizations.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCE

1522

(INTRO SS)

Introduction to Social Science develops an understanding of the nature of the social sciences and presents reasons for studying them. The course involves consideration of the social sciences such as: (1) the study of humanity; (2) the reasons for separate fields or disciplines; (3) the objectives, materials, and methods of each discipline; and (4) the difficulties encountered by social scientists in applying scientific method to the study of human life. Content may include group and individual behavior, education, social systems, and the role of the social studies.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

ISLAMIC HISTORY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1594

(IHIS H IB)

Islamic History Higher Level, International Baccalaureate is designed to provide students with the means of acquiring a deep and open understanding of the Islamic world in its various aspects and of its contribution to world civilization. Approached from an historical perspective, the course includes political, social, economic, intellectual, and other facets of the Islamic world. Students study a prescribed topic and at least two historical topics relating to the origins of Islam and its developments through to AH 807/AD 1405. Students must undertake at least two of the following options: the Fatimids, the Ottomans, warfare in the medieval Islamic world, Muslim rule in Spain, the intellectual legacy of Islam, and Islamic art and architecture.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

ISLAMIC HISTORY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1596

(IHIS S IB)

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- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

1524

(LAT STUDIES)

Latin American Studies provides an understanding of and appreciation for the diverse peoples, cultures, and economic systems of Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean nations. Content includes geographical and historical factors that have influenced contemporary situations.

Topics of study include: (1) the development of pre-Columbian civilizations, (2) European colonial systems and resulting institutions, (3) the development of independent nations and governments, and (4) current issues.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

LAW EDUCATION (LAW ED)

1526

Law Education provides an understanding of the American legal system and its basis in the United States Constitution. The course is designed to promote an understanding of society and its system of laws by indicating how citizens may effectively function within the law. Ways of dealing with interpersonal conflict in order to secure constructive change are included, along with the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. Case studies, field trips, simulations, and mock trials will be used in this course whenever feasible.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government or teacher recommendation
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

MACROECONOMICS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (MACRO-ECON)

1564

Macroeconomics, Advanced Placement is a course based on the content established by the College Board. The course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determinations, and also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. Topics include: (1) Basic economic concepts, (2) measurement of economic performance, (3) national income and price determination, (4) economic growth, and (5) international finance, exchange rates, and balance of payments. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 or 2 semester course. 1 credit per semester. This course and corresponding exam are intended to be comparable to the corresponding one-semester college level course.
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

MICROECONOMICS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (MICRO-ECON)

1566

Microeconomics, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. The course gives students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the

functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economics system. Topics include: (1) basic economic concepts, (2) the nature and functions of product markets, (3) factor markets, and (4) market failure and the role of government. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 or 2 semester course. 1 credit per semester. This course and corresponding exam are intended to be comparable to the corresponding one-semester college level course.
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma

MODERN WORLD CIVILIZATION

1528 (MOD WLD CIV)

Modern World Civilization provides students an in-depth look at the twentieth and twenty-first century world. It is a study of different cultures as they exist in the world today, including comparative analysis of the various types of government, economic, and social systems. International relationships are examined partly from the viewpoint of national interests, including the successes and failures of diplomacy.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: World History and Civilization
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

PHILOSOPHY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1600 (PHIL H IB)

Philosophy Higher Level, International Baccalaureate develops in students an intellectually independent and creative way of thinking and encourages students to relate their philosophical understanding to other disciplines and to personal and civic life. Students learn to formulate arguments in rational and logical ways and are encouraged to critically examine their own experiences and ideological and cultural biases. This course promotes an awareness of the plurality of philosophical traditions and develops ways of thinking that draw on personal reflection and knowledge of philosophical traditions.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

PHILOSOPHY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1602 (PHIL S IB)

Philosophy Standard Level, International Baccalaureate develops in students an intellectually independent and creative way of thinking and encourages students to relate their philosophical understanding to other disciplines and to personal and civic life. Students learn to formulate arguments in rational and logical ways and are encouraged to critically examine their own experiences and ideological and cultural biases. This course promotes an awareness of the plurality of philosophical

traditions and develops ways of thinking that draw on personal reflection and knowledge of philosophical traditions.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI SCI)

1530

Political Science provides for a study of the processes and goals of politics; processes of government; methods by which decisions are made; and the basis of decision making. The course goes beyond the study of governmental structure and functions to include and analysis of topics such as: (1) the nature of the American party system, (2) interest groups, (3) public opinion, (4) laws which affect students, (5) reasons laws are changed, (6) due process of law, (7) legal rights, and (8) legal responsibilities. Comparative studies of governmental systems in nations other than the United States may also be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

PSYCHOLOGY (PSYCH)

1532

Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behavior. The course is divided into six content areas and uses the scientific methods to explore research methods and ethical consideration. Developmental psychology takes a life span approach to physical, cognitive, language, emotional, social, and moral development. Cognitive aspects of the course focus on learning, memory, information processing, and language. Personality, Assessment, and Mental Health topics include psychological disorders, treatment, personality, and assessment. Socio-cultural dimensions of behavior deal with topics such as conformity, obedience, perceptions, attitudes, and influence of the group on the individual. The Biological Basis focuses on the way the brain and nervous system function, including sensation, perception, motivation, and emotion.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 or 2 semester course. 1 credit per semester. This course and corresponding exam are intended to be comparable to the corresponding one-semester college level course.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

PSYCHOLOGY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (PSYCH AP)

1558

Psychology, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. This course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes. Topics include: (1) history and approaches, (2) research methods, (3) biological bases of behavior, (4) sensation and perception, (5) states of consciousness, (6) learning, (7) cognition, (8) motivation and emotion, (9) developmental psychology, (10) personality, (11) testing and

individual differences, (12) abnormal psychology, (13) treatment of psychological disorders, and (14) social psychology. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

PSYCHOLOGY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1604

(PSY H IB)

Students in Psychology Higher Level, International Baccalaureate study the biological, cognitive, learning, and humanistic perspectives of psychology and must study two of the following: comparative psychology, cultural psychology, dysfunctional behavior, health psychology, lifespan psychology, psychodynamic psychology, or social psychology. All aspects of research in the field, including ethics, qualitative and quantitative research, and experimental study are included. Students are also required to design and implement three experimental studies.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

PSYCHOLOGY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1606

(PSY S IB)

Psychology Standard Level, International Baccalaureate is divided into four required parts: biological, cognitive, learning, and humanistic psychology. Students must fulfill two options in the following areas: comparative psychology, cultural psychology, psychology of dysfunctional behavior, health psychology, lifespan psychology, psychodynamic psychology, or social psychology. The research methodology of ethics and qualitative and quantitative research must be undertaken and students must design and implement three experimental studies.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1608

(SCAN H IB)

Social and Cultural Anthropology Higher Level, International Baccalaureate focuses on the comparative study of culture and human societies and includes the three compulsory themes of social organization, systems of belief and knowledge, and processes of change and transformation. Students at the higher level must also study six fundamental theoretical issues: materialism and idealism, agency centered and structure-centered approaches, particularistic and universalistic perspectives, synchronic and diachronic perspectives, cohesion and conflict, and relation to empirical material.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 and 12
- Credits: 4 semester course, 1 credit per semester

- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

1610 (SCAN S IB)

Social and Cultural Anthropology Standard Level, International Baccalaureate focuses on the comparative study of culture and human societies. There are three basic themes: social organization, systems of belief and knowledge, and processes of change and transformation.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies Course for the General diploma or as an elective for any diploma

SOCIOLOGY

1534 (SOCIOLOGY)

Sociology allows students to study human social behavior from a group perspective. The sociological perspective is a method of studying recurring patterns in people's attitudes and actions and how these patterns vary across time, cultures, and in social settings and groups. Students will describe the development of sociology as a social science and identify methods of research. Through research methods such as scientific inquiry students will examine society, group behavior, and social structures. The influence of culture on group behavior is addressed through institutions such as the family, religion, education, economics, community organizations, government, and political and social groups. The impact of social groups and institutions on group and individual behavior and the changing nature of society will be examined. Influences on group behavior and social problems are included in the course. Students will also analyze the role of individuals in the community and social problems in today's world.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1536 (ST/LOC GOVT)

State and Local Government is the study of the function and organization of state, county, city, town, and township government units. The primary focus is on the major factors and issues in the state's political development. This course also traces the role and influence of political and social institutions on a state's political development. The implications of this development for governmental units should be discussed relative to current political and governmental situations. Field trips, observations, and interviews with state and local leaders should be encouraged whenever possible.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

TOPICS IN HISTORY

(TOP HIST)

1538

Topics In History provides students the opportunity to study specific historical eras, events, or concepts. Development of historical research skills using primary and secondary sources is emphasized. The course focuses on one or more topics or themes related to United States or world history. Examples of topics might include: (1) twentieth- century conflict, (2) the American West, (3) the history of the United States Constitution, and (4) democracy in history.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States History or History and World Civilizations
- Credits: 1 semester/1 credit. This course may be repeated if the material in the course is different from one semester to the next. Topics in History can address different topics in World History or U.S. History.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

TOPICS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

(TOPICS SS)

1550

Topics in Social Science provides students with an opportunity for in-depth study of a specific topic, theme, or concept in one of the social science disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. It is also possible to focus the course on more than one discipline. A subtitle should be included to give a clear idea of the course content. For example, a course focusing on a specific in political science might be entitled, "Topics in Social Science: Comparative Government." Courses taught under this title should emphasize scientific methods of inquiry and help students develop effective research and thinking skills.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

(US GOVT)

1540

United States Government provides a framework for understanding the purposes, principles, and practices of constitutional representative democracy in the United States. Responsible and effective participation of citizens is stressed. Students will understand the nature of citizenship, politics, and governments and understand the rights and responsibilities of citizens and how these are part of local, state, and national government. Students will examine how the United States Constitution protects rights and provides the structure and functions of various levels of government. How the United States interacts with other nations and the government's role in world affairs will be examined. Using primary and secondary resources, students will articulate, evaluate, and defend positions on political issues. As a result, they will be able to explain the role of individuals and groups in government, politic, and civic activities and the need for civic and political engagement of citizens in the United States.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Fulfills the Government requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(US GOVT AP)

1560

United States Government and Politics, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. Topics include: (1) constitutional underpinnings of United States government, (2) political beliefs and behaviors, (3) political parties, interest groups, and mass media, (4) institutions of national government, (5) public policy, and (6) civil rights and civil liberties. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at: <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

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- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the US Government requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

UNITED STATES HISTORY
(US HIST)

1542

United States History builds upon concepts developed in previous studies of U.S. History. Students are expected to identify and review significant events, persons, and movements in the early development of the nation. The course then gives major emphasis to the interaction of key events, people, and political, economic, social, and cultural influences in national developments from the late nineteenth century through the present. Students are expected to trace and analyze chronological periods and examine the significant themes and concepts in U.S. History. They will develop historical thinking and research skills and use primary and secondary sources to explore topical issues and to understand the cause for changes in the nation over time.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit each semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement of the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

UNITED STATES HISTORY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(US HIST AP)

1562

United States History, Advanced Placement is a course based on the content established by the College Board. The course has a chronological frame from 1492 to the present and focuses on multiple causation and change in United States history over time. A variety of historical themes are examined in order to place the history of the United States into larger analytical contexts. Students are expected to analyze and interpret primary sources and develop awareness of multiple interpretations of historical issues in secondary sources. Historical events and issues in U.S. history are to be examined from multiple perspectives. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

URBAN AFFAIRS
(URBN AFFAIR)

1544

Urban Affairs examines the history, organization, processes, and distinctive aspects of urban affairs. The rise of modern cities and an analysis of modern urban problems are dealt with in this course. The politics of governing urban areas, including the selection of political leaders and citizen participation in the decision-making process, is to be emphasized. Data collection and research skills may be taught in conjunction with the study of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

WORLD GEOGRAPHY
(WORLD GEO)

1546

World Geography allows students to study the interaction of humans and their environments in a world setting. Students study global patterns of physical and cultural characteristics, including the Earth/sun relationship, atmospheric and oceanic circulation, landforms, climate, vegetation, population, economic and political structures, culture, cultural diffusion, and international and interregional connections. Using maps, geographic representations and technology such as geographic information systems (GIS) students will examine spatial relationships, the interaction of physical and cultural characteristics of designated places, areas, or regions. Students are expected to apply knowledge of geographic concepts and uses of geography to inquiry, research, and participatory processes. Guiding course content are the themes of location, characteristic of place, human/environmental interaction, movement between places, and regions. Emphasized are elements of the National Geography Standards: The World in Spatial Terms, Places and Regions, Physical Systems, Human Systems and Environment and Society.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

WORLD HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION
(WLD HST/CVL)

1548

World History emphasizes events and developments in the past that greatly affected large numbers of people across broad areas and that significantly influenced peoples and places in subsequent eras. Key events related to people and places as well as transcultural interaction and exchanges are examined in this course. Students are expected to compare and contrast events and developments involving diverse peoples and civilizations in different regions of the world. They will examine examples of continuity and change, universality and particularity, and unity and diversity among various peoples and cultures from the past to the present. Students are also expected to practice skills and process of historical thinking and research and apply content knowledge to the practice of thinking and inquiry skills and processes. There will be continuous and pervasive interactions of processes and content, skills and substance, in the teaching and learning of history.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester

- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

WORLD HISTORY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT

1576

(WLD HST AP)

World History, Advanced Placement is a course that provides students with the content established by the College Board. The course will have a chronological frame from the periods 8000 B.C.E. to the present. AP World History focuses on five overarching themes: Interaction Between Humans and the Environment, Development and Interaction of Cultures, State-Building, Expansion, and Conflict, Creation, Expansion, and Interaction of Economic Systems, Development and Transformation of Social Structures. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at: A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma.